

The Full Circle

Current news and helpful tips from Carmel Utilities

Carmel Utilities Wins Chamber of Commerce 2013 Green Award

Congratulations to the City of Carmel Utilities and the residents of Carmel for winning the Carmel Chamber of Commerce 2013 Green Award. The Award was presented at the December 11th Awards Luncheon in recognition of the city-wide residential trash and recycling program.

Through the efforts of the more than 22,000 households participating in the program, over 4,000 tons of material has been diverted from landfills since program inception. This amount of recycling prevented more than 10,600 metric tons* of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases from being released into our atmosphere. (*Per EPA formula calculations)

As more residents expand their reduce-reuse-recycle efforts the positive impact on the environmental will only grow.

For more information about the City of Carmel recycling program go to the trash and recycling page of the Utilities Department at www.carmel.in.gov.



2013 Green Award

Clear Choices Clear Water

Clear Choices Clear Water (CCCW) is a collaborative effort of the Upper White River Watershed Alliance, the Tippecanoe Watershed Foundation, and many other partners, including the City of Carmel.

CCCW encourages these four practices:

1. Using phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer
2. Landscaping with native plants
3. Managing pet waste
4. Properly maintaining septic systems

Homeowners can take a pledge to make water quality friendly choices and receive information on how they can make a difference.



For more information or to take a pledge and do your part for clean water, please visit www.clearchoicescleanwater.org today!

How to Dispose of Latex Paint



Did you know that dried or hardened latex paint can be disposed of in your trash? To dry it out mix it with kitty litter or purchase a paint hardening powder at your local hardware store. Leaving the lid off of the can with small paint quantities can also allow it to air dry. You can then dispose of the cans of hardened/dried out paint in your regular trash.

We've Moved!

Carmel Utilities Billing and Administrative Office
30 West Main Street, Suite 220
(2nd floor above the Evan Lurie Gallery)
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Carmel Utilities uses a state-of-the-art Vactor 2100 Series truck.



State-of-the-Art Cleaning for More than 300 Miles of Pipe

Over the course of time you can imagine the “gunk” that finds its way into the City sanitary sewer lines. A combination of gravity flow and mechanical pumps keeps the sewage flowing to the waste water treatment plant but, “gunk” still accumulates along the pipes. To help keep the city’s sewer lines clean, Carmel Utilities uses a state-of-the-art Vactor 2100 Series truck. This truck has the ability to clean sewers by combining high-pressure water jetting

and a high-flow vacuum. It cleans the pipes and removes unwanted debris and grit that finds its way in the sewer system.

Purchased this past year, the truck costs more than \$394,000 new, weighs 50,000 pounds loaded and is 38 feet long. It has the strength and technological capability to provide state of the art cleaning for our City sewer lines. Carmel Utilities maintains over 300 miles of sanitary sewer lines ensuring customers receive uninterrupted quality service.

Award Winning City of Carmel

Congratulations to the City of Carmel for being named a “Green Community” by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. Projects and practices of Carmel Utilities were among the criteria evaluated for the designation. The City of Carmel and Carmel Utilities are proud to be an IACT Green Community!

Did you know?

- Square wax coated milk and juice cartons are not recyclable. You may throw them in the trash.
- Carmel Water Company (now known as Carmel Utilities) was incorporated July 16, 1929.
- Carmel Utilities uses ultraviolet light to disinfect our wastewater effluent before it is released into the White River. This is an aqua life friendly disinfectant process.
- Leaving the water running while brushing your teeth can waste up to seven gallons of water for each brushing.